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President's Message

As I accept the gavel from Jack Schadegg near the Thanksgiving holiday, it seems appropriate to think of the good fortunes that our Organization has experienced that we should be thankful for. The Distinguished Lecture Series continues to be successful . I believe it has had the desired effect of helping to restore the MSNA "brand". Thanks to Larry Goldman and others who continue to produce a quality event. Similarly, the exhibits at the spring show have been successful enough that another organization (the Liberty Seated Collectors) had their own exhibits at the recently-concluded fall Whitman show. Thanks to Bryce Doxzon for making the exhibits a success. We now have a website, thanks to Scott Barman. I encourage all of our members to explore the website – MdStateNumisAssn.org. The journal is better than it has ever been, thanks to Simcha Kuritzky. The John Henry collection has been catalogued, thanks to Bill Stratemeyer and Don Curtis. Even though the ANA does not have Baltimore on their radar screen, we continue to be the only city in the country with three national-caliber coin shows, each with two auctions held by national firms.

I would also like to thank Jack Schadegg for his stewardship over the last two years, as well as for his interesting President's Messages!

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and that the upcoming holiday season is a joyous one!.

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MSNA Annual Meeting

The MSNA held its **annual meeting** at the Whitman Baltimore Expo on November 19. Only board members were present, but all of the new officers were there (photo above shows—left to right—Scott Barman Vice President, Frank Murphy President, Simcha Kuritzky Treasurer, and Bryce Doxzon Secretary). The Board approved the changes previously published to the Constitution and By-Laws (see insert of this issue) with the added change to explicitly allow voting electronically. The Board also tabled until the January meeting the motion to change the raffle and exhibit prizes, but the sense of the Board was to keep prices in line with past years, which requires halving the amount of gold (this year's raffle cost almost $900, up from around $500 a few years ago, and replacing those coins for next year would cost up to $1300, while raffle revenues remain flat in the $2400-$3500 range). The 2011 raffle winners were: first prize 1987 $10 American Eagle gold coin won by Horace Johnson; sold by Ken Finkenbinder (President of the Baltimore Coin Club who worked the registration table at the Whitman Coin Expo) who was awarded a gold Mexican 2 pesos 1945; second prize 1889 gold British sovereign won by Dan Champness; third prize 2001 $5 American Gold Coin won by Sedgwick Moss; and fourth prize 2005 W Proof-69 silver eagle won by Wein Kam. MSNA has arranged for the appraisal of the John B. Henry collection based on the detailed records produced by Bill Stratemeyer and Don Curtis, and expects to put into place collection insurance soon. The meeting's silver eagle door prize was won by Simcha Kuritzky. The next meeting of the MSNA Board will be January 26. Members are invited to attend.

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The Maryland Woman Who Would Have Been Queen

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

The province of Maryland was named after an English queen, and many towns and counties were named for British royalty. However, the Revolutionary War severed most relations between the former colonies and nobility across the pond. One rare exception occurred in the 1930s when the heir to the British throne fell in love with Baltimore resident Wallis Simpson.

She was born Bessie Wallis Warfield on June 19, 1896 in Pennsylvania, but lived most of her life in Baltimore. Officially, the U.S. does not have nobility, but there are several influential families, and the Warfields were one of them. Bessie Wallis's father, Teackle Wallis Warfield, died a few months later, leaving her family impoverished. However, class is not based on wealth; it was socially unacceptable for her mother to find employment, so she lived off the largess of relatives. It's possible Bessie is a distant cousin of Governor Warfield of Maryland, but I couldn't find the exact relation. Many have speculated that her relatively impoverished upbringing (at least, compared to others in her social class) caused her to look for a wealthy husband. She married U.S. Naval Lieutenant Earl Spencer in 1916 but divorced in 1927, and married London socialite Ernest Simpson in 1928. She had no children. Wallis made the headlines in 1934, though, when she took up with the Prince of Wales while still married to Simpson.

The Heir Apparent merely dating an American woman would have been scandalous, but Mrs. Simpson was still married. When George V died in January, 1936, his eldest son became King Edward VIII. Wallis Simpson moved to Paris while the British government debated how to deal with the crisis. If Wallis had been a widow, the British would likely have reluctantly agreed to the marriage, but having two living husbands disqualified her from becoming queen. Meanwhile, Edward argued against many other traditions, such as facing the opposite direction as his father had on coins and stamps (he said the side with the part was his good side). These arguments delayed issuing portrait coinage until 1937. The only 1936 coinage issued in the new king's name were colonial coinage with holes in it because they only needed his name and not his portrait: British West Africa tenth, half, and one penny; British East

Africa 5 and 10 cents; and Fiji penny. Two Indian states, Jodhpur and Kutch, also issued non-portrait coins in Edward's name: Jodhpur only issued a gold mohur (15 rupees), while Kutch issued a bronze 3 dokda, and silver 1, 2½, and 5 kori.

History was made in December when Edward chose to abdicate so he could marry Wallis Simpson, the only time a British monarch has willingly relinquished the throne. The portrait coinage was never issued, though some very expensive patterns exist. Edward's brother, the new King George VI, granted Edward the title Duke of Windsor. Edward left Britain to live in Austria (still a neutral country) until Mrs. Simpson's divorce was final. Then the couple married on June 3, 1937 and she became the Duchess of Windsor (though not "Her Royal Highness").

While the British royal family would probably have liked to sweep all this under the rug, the scandal electrified the press for years. Rumors were rampant. Was Mrs. Simpson just a gold digger? Was she barren because of a botched abortion? Did Edward have a secret agreement with Hitler to retake the throne after the Nazis invaded (as they planned to do in 1940)? The evidence points to a less interesting situation. There's no reason to believe Mrs. Simpson ever became pregnant. It appears Edward and Wallis truly loved each other as they stayed married until Edward died in 1972, even after Edward was practically exiled to the Bahamas when his brother appointed him governor. Edward made a few remarks sympathetic to the Nazis, but they seem to be the result of frustration with the British government rather than admiration of Hitler's brutality. The real proof is that Edward was living in Paris when the Nazis invaded France, and rather than wait for his German friends to arrive, he fled to Spain to avoid capture by the Nazis.

The romance of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor's story, a King giving up his throne for love, still resonates with many people. While patterns exist for Edward VIII, these were augmented by a number of fantasies. Bruce's *Unusual World Coins* lists several series of fantasies: 1954 Geoffrey Hearn, 1946, 1972 Pobjoy Mint, 1984 Richard Lobel, Historic Coin Company Retro Issues, and INA Retro. Most show Edward VIII's left-facing portrait in the name of 25 different British possessions. However, three of them, Australia, Great Britain, and India by Richard Lobel, show both Edward and Wallis facing forward. They have the anachronistic date 1936 (the year before Wallis became Duchess of Windsor), but they are the only coins or pseudo-coins to portray the Maryland woman who almost became Queen of England.

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Local News

George Fuld's article on Seventeenth-Century Maryland medals was judged the best MSNA article of the year. George was awarded a $50 gift certificate to be used at the Baltimore Whitman Expo. If you'd like an opportunity to win a similar certificate, submit an article to the editor for the March, June, or September 2012 issues.

The American Numismatic Association held their first Autumn National Money Show, this year in Pittsburgh. MSNA Secretary **Bryce Doxzon** won third place in the History Class with his exhibit *1860: A Medallic Tale of Three Men Lost*, medals of the three losing candidates in the U.S. 1860 election. MSNA Editor and Treasurer **Simcha Kuritzky's** exhibit *Boy For Sale? Tokens for the Redemption of the Firstborn Son* won first place in the Economics class and second runner-up Stearns Best-in-Show Exhibit Award. His exhibit *Creating Modern Israel*, which documents the modern Zionist movement from the Austrian Emancipation in 1781 to the Provisional Government of Israel in 1949, won first place in the Geography class and first runner-up Stearns Best-in-Show.

The Virginia Numismatic Association (VNA) held their annual show this year in the Fredericksburg Expo and Convention Center, about an hour south of Maryland. They had over 80 dealers, a number of talks, an exhibit competition, and an awards banquet. MSNA Editor and Treasurer **Simcha Kuritzky** placed two exhibits. His exhibit *Feline Species Numismatic Type Set* won first place and *Creating Modern Israel* won second place in the open competition. Third place went to an exhibit entitled *United States Fractional Currency*. There were a total of nine exhibits, but only five were in competition (a number of dealers exhibited material non-competitively). Next year, the VNA show will be in the same location on September 28-30.

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In October, the **Montgomery County Coin Club** hosted a talk by Roger Burdette on gold and silver collected by the Allies in the Philippines at the beginning of World War Two and snuck out under the Japanese' noses. In September, Simcha Kuritzky reviewed the ANA World's Fair of Money in Chicago. At their November meeting, Gerald Grzenda gave a talk on modern Chinese coins (since the Revolution of 1911). MCCC will hold their annual donated auction on December 13 at 7:15 PM in the Schweinhaut Senior Citizen's Center at 1000 Forest Glen Road near the DC Beltway and Georgia Avenue.

MSNA member club **Washington Numismatic Society** at their September meeting viewed an 18-minute fast-paced musical DVD covering English Monarchs depicted on stamps, coins and Franklin Mint medals presented by creator Robert Colcock. The November meeting featured his DVD on Japanese 500 yen coins and famous composers on medals. He has a number of other presentations clubs may be interested in using for programming; contact the editor for more information. In October, Simcha Kuritzky gave a talk on the Jewish New Year (*Rosh HaShana*) on medals, love tokens, charity stamps, and cards. WNS will hold a pot-luck dinner on December 20 at 7 PM at the Community of Christ Church, 3526 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, D.C. Use the rear entrance in the alleyway that connects Edmunds Street & 35th Place.

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CONSTITUTION

Article 1.

The organization, being an association of numismatic organizations (coin clubs) and individual numismatists (coin collectors) joined together to promote, advance, and improve the numismatic hobby in the State of Maryland, shall hereafter be known as the **Maryland State Numismatic Association, Incorporated**; and the organization is to be operated as a not-for-profit corporation, under the appropriate Maryland State laws.

Article 2. OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the Maryland State Numismatic Association, Inc., hereinafter known as MSNA, shall be to form and operate this association as a not-for-profit corporation, for the purpose of building interest in, and encouraging the development of, the numismatic hobby in the State of Maryland, in all its aspects. These activities include, but are not limited to, holding conventions, coin shows, seminars, auctions, meetings, and publishing and distributing bulletins and other items of an educational nature; also buying and selling numismatic items such as: coins, tokens, paper money, store cards, medals, medallions, pickers checks, and other such material and items directly related to the hobby of numismatics. A further objective of this association shall be to help eliminate abuse in the hobby through the education of our membership and publication, in our bulletins, or other channels of communication, concerning fraud or attempted fraud or fraudulent practices as they become known to MSNA.

Article 3. MEMBERSHIP:

The Association shall have four types of members:

1. Senior Memberships
2. Junior Memberships
3. Coin Club Memberships
4. Life Memberships

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP:

Persons eligible for senior membership must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older, and must be a member in good standing of a local coin club; or other bona fide numismatic association such as the American Numismatic Association (ANA) or Eastern States Numismatic Association (ESNA). Any applicant not meeting the above requirements may be accepted, only if their application for membership is signed by two (2) MSNA members in good standing (current year's dues paid), who will vouch for them without any reservations. Members making this recommendation must be senior members.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP:
Applicants for junior memberships must not be less then twelve (12) years of age, and not more then eighteen (18) years of age, and upon reaching age 18 must convert to a senior membership. Their application shall require the signature of at least one parent or guardian. Their application for membership shall require the recommendation of at least two (2) MSNA members in good standing (current year's dues paid), one of which may be a junior member. Junior members shall be welcome at all MSNA meetings only when accompanied by a parent or senior member. The parent may or may not be a member of MSNA.

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS:
Local coin clubs and other numismatic organizations shall be eligible to join MSNA, Inc., and are urged to join our association. It is a requirement for club membership that the membership of said local coin club votes to join MSNA and that a duly elected officer such as the president or secretary submit a statement with the membership application to the effect that the membership has voted to apply for membership, in order to comply with the article in the state constitution.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:
A candidate for Life Membership must have been a general member for at least three (3) years and pay the one-time fee according to the following schedule:

- Below 50 years of age: $200.00
- 50-65 years of age: $125.00
- Over 65 years of age: $75.00

Article 4. DUES:
The dues, as spelled out in the by-laws, shall be established in accordance with the MSNA needs by the officers and the Board of Directors of MSNA. The dues shall be payable annually to the Treasurer of MSNA in January of each calendar year.

Article 5. OFFICERS:
The Officers are to be elected as provided by the by-laws and shall consist of the following elected officers:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

Each member club shall appoint a club representative to serve on the board of directors and with the officers newly elected, MSNA's lawyer (if any) and at

least two immediate past presidents of MSNA will function as members of the Board of Directors until the next election and installation of new officers. This is to comply with our articles of incorporation.

Article 6. ANNUAL MEETING:
The MSNA shall hold an annual meeting at a date and location established by the Board of Directors. If MSNA holds a convention, the MSNA annual meeting of the membership shall be held during the convention. The membership shall be given four (4) weeks prior notice, in writing, of the date, time, and place of the annual meeting.

Article 7. AMENDING THIS CONSTITUTION:
This Constitution, once adopted, may be amended at any annual convention or annual meeting by a two-thirds majority of the voting members in good standing, provided there is a quorum of at least seven (7) members present and voting. The original Constitution was approved and adopted by two-thirds of the membership present and voting at the Second Convention and Annual Meeting held in Salisbury, Maryland, June 9, 1974. The first amendment to the constitution was approved and adopted by two-thirds of the membership present and voting at the May 28, 2000 Convention and annual meeting held at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. The second amendment to the constitution was approved and adopted unanimously at the November 19, 2011 Convention and annual meeting held at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. MEETINGS

Section 1.
The MSNA shall hold an annual meeting for the membership at least once every twelve months. The officers and directors shall determine the place, date, and purpose of said meeting and shall notify the membership of this action as soon as practical and not later than the quarterly publication previous to the meeting. *The Maryland Numismatist* (MSNA Journal) is the current name of the quarterly publication. More frequent meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the President and approved by the majority of the officers of MSNA. The Vice President, in the event of the death or serious illness of the President, is empowered to act in the President's place in the event the President is unable to act in their own behalf. This substitute action by the Vice President shall require the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors.

In addition to the annual membership meetings, the President (and in their stead the Vice President should the President be incapacitated) is empowered to call meetings of the officers and directors at a time and place of the President's discretion for the purpose of conducting the affairs of MSNA.

Article 2. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. DUES

The dues of all members, Senior, Junior or Club Members are due and payable to the Treasurer of MSNA in January of each calendar year. Any member whose dues remain unpaid by March 15th of the calendar year shall be immediately subject to suspension. Dues shall be as follows:

Senior Members: Any member over 18 years of age, Ten dollars ($10) annually.

Junior Members: Age 12 until 18th birthday, Two dollars ($2) annually.

Coin Club Members: Any bona fide numismatic organization domiciled in the State of Maryland or any numismatic organization not domiciled in the State of Maryland which wishes to support MSNA and what it stands for, Fifteen dollars ($15) annually.

Section 2. ELIGIBILITY

Senior Members: Must be 18 years of age, as of their last birthday. Their membership in a local coin club, in good standing and they have evidence thereof (current dues card or a note from their local coin club Secretary is deemed evidence thereof), and the signature of one MSNA member in good standing is required. Applicants, not members in good standing of a local coin club, require signatures of two MSNA members in good standing to accompany the application for membership.

Junior Members: To be eligible to become a Junior Member, the applicant must have passed their twelfth (12) birthday and not yet reached their 18th birthday. They must have the consent of at least one parent in writing, and be recommended by two (2) Senior MSNA Members in good standing. They may only attend meetings when accompanied by a parent or an adult member of MSNA. However, if the junior applicant is currently a member in good standing of another coin club, they need only have the signature of one (1) Senior MSNA Member in good standing on their application for membership.

Coin Club Members: Any bona fide Coin Club, having five (5) or more members, is eligible if the club holds regular membership meetings and votes to join MSNA and is so certified by the President or Secretary.

Section 3. REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member, Senior, Junior or Club Member, who has been suspended for **non payment of dues**, may apply for reinstatement by paying the full current year's dues.

Section 4. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member violating the by-laws of this organization, committing a criminal offence or defaming the character of another member of MSNA shall be subject to expulsion or other disciplinary action as hereinafter provided. The selling and/or trading on three or more occasions of counterfeit or altered numismatic items, irrespective of their lack of knowledge as to the authenticity thereof, may be deemed to constitute conduct unbecoming to a member and prejudicial to the welfare of MSNA.

The selling and/or trading by any member on one or more occasions of counterfeit or altered numismatic items with knowledge as to the lack of authenticity thereof, shall be deemed to constitute conduct unbecoming a member and prejudicial to the welfare of MSNA.

Proceedings shall be instituted by written charges signed by the person making them. Such charges, with particular thereof, shall be filed with the Secretary of MSNA, who shall present them to the next meeting of the officers and board of directors, after which they shall mail a copy of the charges to the accused, or a summary of the same, in a postpaid envelope to the last known address of the accused member, as shown on the Secretary's/Treasurer's roster.

The accused member shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to enter a written defense of such charge or charges. The matter shall then be referred to the Board of Directors of the Association, which shall determine the case under such rules and regulations the Board may adopt.

The Board of Directors may dismiss such charges, or it may censure, suspend or expel such member. Until the Board of Directors acts, the accused member shall continue in good standing.

When members inform the Board of Directors, or a member deemed to be reliable, of the prosecution or indictment for a criminal offense, the Board may suspend such member who has been indicted or legally accused of such a crime.

Should the Board of Directors be informed, through a reliable source as determined by the Board of Directors, that the accused has been adjudged guilty, or the accused has pleaded guilty to such a crime, the Board may expel such a member, unless an appeal is pending upon the act or acts for which expulsion was based and the Board has been advised of such an appeal.

Section 5. REINSTATEMENT OF SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED MEMBER
The board may reinstate the membership of any suspended or expelled member or entity of MSNA.

Article 3. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT
The President shall preside at all meetings, be an ex-officio member of all committees, and is empowered to sign checks drawn on accounts of MSNA for any routine expenses. Any extraordinary expenses will have to be approved in advance by the Board of Directors. The President is also empowered to act, on behalf of the Association when, in their best judgment, such actions are necessary or beneficial to the Association. The President is required to write a welcome letter to be sent to each new member. The President is authorized to appoint committees to assist in carrying out the activities of MSNA and to name replacements of other officers, whose office may be vacant or if the said officer is unable to perform their duties. These interim officers, so appointed, shall serve only until the next regular election.

Section 2. DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
The Vice President shall assist the President in every way when called upon to do so by the President, and shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President. Should the office of the President become vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall become the President for the unexpired term.

Section 3. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER
The Treasurer shall collect all monies of MSNA and shall render notice of dues to all members, for dues for the ensuing year in the last quarterly publication of each calendar year. The Treasurer shall pay out monies, as directed by the President or others authorized by the President. The Treasurer is required to submit a financial report of the Association to at the annual meeting or convention and The Treasurer's report will include but not be limited to, all income and expenditures broken down by specific categories, and all clubs assets as of the end of the calendar year. The Report will also include the number of new members, the number of lost members and the current number of members at the end of the calendar year. The Treasurer is required to complete and submit all forms required of the Association by regulatory agencies in compliance with our operations as a not-for-profit corporation. The Treasurer is required to send a copy of MSNA Constitution and By-laws, a copy of the President's welcome letter, and the new member membership card to each new member. The Treasurer is authorized to write checks, withdraw, deposit and make other banking transactions for any routine expenses. Any extraordinary expenses will have to be approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep a true written record for all transactions of the Association. The Secretary shall take the minutes of each meeting and report them at the next meeting of the Association, which shall be approved with any needed changes by the membership and so recorded. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of MSNA as may be necessary, and also handle publicity for the conventions, seminars, etc. The Secretary is authorized to sign checks and other banking items for any routine expenses. Any extraordinary expenses will have to be approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the present officers (i.e., President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), MSNA's lawyer (if any), along with the last three immediate past presidents of this association plus the Club Representatives chosen by the member Clubs, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of MSNA.

The Board of Directors is responsible for establishing and policing the objectives of MSNA. They are to see that the affairs of the Association are conducted properly and they are to advise the officers of the Association to the best of their ability at all time. The ultimate responsibility of the growth and development, and the conduct of MSNA are in the hands of the Board of Directors. The Board members chosen by the member clubs shall serve at the pleasure and desire of the member club, which appointed them and will serve until such time as their club sees fit to replace them.

Article 4. ACTIVITIES

Section 1.

The MSNA is authorized to conduct coin shows, courses, exhibits, exhibit competitions, educational seminars, meetings and conventions, provided such events are sanctioned by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article 5. ELECTION

Section 1.

The tenure of officers of the MSNA shall be from the first of the month immediately following the annual meeting until the last day of the month in which the next annual meeting is held.

MSNA shall hold an annual election conducted via the U.S. mail or suitable electronic means. The procedure shall be as follows: The President shall name a Nominating Committee, naming one member of the committee as Chairman. The Nominating Committee shall select a slate of officers for the coming year and by the first of the month proceeding the month of the annual convention.

MSNA shall place in the mail (if possible via the MSNA Journal) and place on the web site a ballot to be returned to the Editor by the first of the month in which the annual meeting is to be held.

The Chairman, in the presence of the Nominating Committee, shall count the ballots and notify the current President and Secretary of the results of said election. The outgoing officers as the last order of business at the annual meeting shall install the newly elected officers.

Article 6. RE-ELECTIONS

Section 1.
There shall be no limit to the number of terms which the Secretary or Treasurer may serve; provided they are capable of filling the office and carrying out their responsibilities. The term of the President and/or Vice President, on the other hand, is limited to two successive terms of one year each. After they have been out of office for a full term, they again become eligible provided the current Board of Directors sanctions them to seek election.

Article 7. QUORUM

Section 1.
There must be a quorum of at least seven (7) members (four of whom need to be Board members, and one of whom to be a current officer) present to conduct a business meeting at the Annual Meeting or Convention. A meeting of the Officers and Directors requires a quorum of at least five (5) Board members present and at least one being a current officer before any MSNA business may be conducted.

Article 8. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. AMENDING THE BY-LAWS
The MSNA By-laws may be amended at any annual meeting by the Association by a majority vote of the membership, provided that the quorum requirements of Article 7 of the Association By-Laws are met.

Section 2. AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION
The Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a majority of two thirds of the membership provided the quorum requirements of Article 7 of the Association By-Laws are complied with.

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What's Your Sign?

Part Twelve: Roy Booker's Spring Sign Medals

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

The most popular design of zodiac medals was developed by Roy Booker of Atlanta, as evidenced by the large number of different dies used for the regular set plus several imitations. Because there are so many variations of the medals, I am only going to cover the spring signs Aries, Taurus and Gemini in this column. For general information, see the column in the Autumn, 2011 issue. Medals have been found mostly in brass but also bronze, gilded brass, and aluminum.

Some Aries medals were sold in an envelope printed with the following:

ARIES
Your Astrological Reading Mar. 22 Thru Apr. 20.

Arietians are attracted to active life and will always strive to be "fighter for the rights of Humanity". Feeling is usually the principal motive inducing all kinds of actions. These will be very spontaneous and intense. The intellect is keen, quick at repartee and they have fertile minds. The love-nature gives warm sympathy and makes him fond of articles of beauty. The Individuality of Arietians is ruled by the Sun, Personality by the Moon, Mentality by Mercury and Love-nature by Venus.

YOUR COLOR is red. BIRTHSTONE diamond. METAL iron. FLOWER Easter lily.

FAMOUS ARIETIANS

Thomas Jefferson - Charlie Chaplin - Joan Crawford - Walter Winchell

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The obverse legends are all identical for the Aries medals.

1. I believe this to be the original design. Obv. The word ARIES is large with little space between the letters. The tree trunk goes all the way to the rim and connects to the tree branch. Both ram's forelegs are at the same height. There are flowers in the grass. The sigil is next to 22. Rev. Each clover leaf is clearly split, the horseshoe is thin, and the word DETERMINED is well above YOUR.
2. Same as #1 except Obv. ARIES is smaller and spaces between letters are almost as wide as the letters themselves. Rev. Letters are shorter and thicker, DETERMINED almost touches YOUR.
3. Same as #2 except Obv. ram's right front leg is above the left, the tree trunk is thinner and does not connect to the overhanging branch, the sigil

is under MAR., the branch foliage and grass is sparse. Rev. The clover is not divided.

4. Same as #3 except the tree trunk is barely visible. This may not be a different die than #3; it may be a more worn or polished #3 die.

5. All lettering is narrower. Obv. Tree trunk does not divide and stops before rim, the foliage on the branch is minimal. The grass appears in 3 separate groups. The ram's forelegs are different heights. Rev. The lettering is narrow, leaving lots of blank space; the horseshoe is small, the clover is clearly divided.

6. Same as #5 except the middle set grass has tufts that float above the rest of the grass and the sigil is larger.

7. Obverse same as #6 but reverse same as #3.

8. Like #7 except aluminum and reverse lettering is closer together vertically, clover has divided leaves but not as strong as #5.

Obv #1

Obv 1 & 2

Obv #3

Obv #5

Obv #6

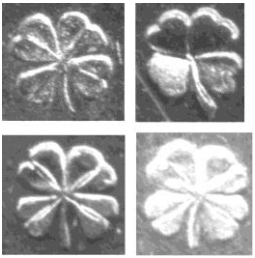
Obv 5 & 6

Rev #1

Rev #3

Rev #5

Rev #8


Clovers 1 3 / 5 8

Some Taurus medals were sold in an envelope printed as follows:

TAURUS
Your Astrological Reading Apr. 21 Thru May 21.

Taureans have two characteristics, power of will and perseverance, but they do not manifest until interest is aroused. The feelings are deep and serious; health and finances are almost all that could be wished. They have a good memory. Some outstanding opinions and hobbies are usual, which become more pronounced if met by opposition. The love-nature is very strong, they are faithful in marriage and steadfast in attachment. The Individuality of Taureans is ruled by the Sun, Personality by the Moon, Mentality by Mercury and Love-nature by Venus.

YOUR COLORS are blue and yellow. BIRTHSTONE emerald. METAL copper. FLOWER peony.

FAMOUS TAUREANS

Harry S. Truman - Marconi - Shakespeare - Shirley Temple

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There are two different obverse inscriptions. I believe the original one has the Taurus sigil at the top, while the later version has the word TAURUS curving around the top with the sigil and horizontal inscriptions below.

1. Obv. Sigil at top, All lettering and grass is strong. Tree reaches left and top rims. Rev. Wider space between YOU CAN and BE than for BE and ORIGINAL. Wide horseshoe. No space between top two clover leaves.
2. Obverse same as #1. Reverse is for Capricorn, YOU ARE SELF RELIANT. The RE of RELIANT is weak, especially at bottom.
3. As #1 but Obv. Weak sigil at top, bull's legs are weak and no grass between legs. The tree does not reach left rim. Rev. Taller letters, evenly spaced vertically, small space between top two clover leaves. Top inscription is above central inscription and bottom is below.
4. Obv. TAURUS at top with sigil right below. Rev. All four clover leaves have spaces between them. Lettering spaced like #1

Obv #1

Obv #3

Obv #4

Obv #5

5. Obv. TAURUS at top with sigil is between bull and tree. Three stars along rim above bull's tail. Rev. Lettering finer and smaller than #4.

Rev #1

Rev #3

Rev #4

Rev #5

I have not seen the envelope for Gemini. The inscriptions for all the Gemini medals are identical.

1. I believe this is the earliest version, and it occurs in both brass and aluminum. Obv. Between the two twins is a flowering tree, and the trunk reaches up into the flowers. The sigil is think and square, the lettering is all the same size. Rev. The clover has well-formed leaves and the veins are visible. The horseshoe is thin. Large spaces between words at top and bottom.
2. Obv. The central trunk ends at a bud, the flowery canopy comes from side limbs. The sigil is small with curved top and bottom. The dates are in a smaller font than Gemini. Rev. Clover has no veins or folds, horseshoe is thin, small spaces between words at top and bottom.
3. Obv. Tree like #2, lettering like #1, large sigil. Rev. Central lettering is large. Horseshoe is thick. Each clover leaf has a fold down the center, but no veins. The Y of YOUR is higher than the bottom of GENEROUS.
4. Obv. Like #3. Rev. Like #3 but the Y of YOUR just reaches the bottom of GENEROUS.
5. Obv. Like #3. Rev. Like #3 but the Y of YOUR is below the bottom of GENEROUS.

Obv #1

Obv #2

Obv #3-5

Rev #1

Rev #2

Rev #3

Rev #4

Rev #5

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BY: _____(Exhibitor)
Party of the Second Part

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5 Feb. – Westminster Fire Hall Coin and Currency Show, Westminster Fire Hall, 28 John Street, Westminster, MD; 9-4:30.

10-11 Mar. – Interstate Coin Show, Grand Venice Hotel, 431 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD. Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4.

11 Mar. – Annapolis Coin and Currency Show, Knights of Columbus Hall, 2590 Solomon's Island Road (Route 2), Edgewater, MD; 9-4:30.

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1-2 Sept. – Interstate Coin Show, Grand Venice Hotel, 431 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD. Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4.

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